

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 4, 6-11, 13-15, and 18-26 if written in independent form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his review of the claims and the indication of allowability.

Claims 1-3, 5, 12, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Bishop (5,356,076). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's analysis as outlined in the response submitted December 29, 2006. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the recitations of allowable claim 4 and intervening claim 3. Applicant has also amended independent claim 16 to include the recitations of allowable claim 18. Thus, Applicant has amended the claims to place them in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the previously presented claims of the present application in one or more continuation applications.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay P. Sbrollini".

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